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## Shared Services Picked Top '76 Story in Poll

by Cliff Avery

The controversy between the city council and the county commissioners' court over shared services was named by Lubbock newsmen as the top news story of 1976 in a West Texas Times survey.

The issue over who will pay for what — fire protection outside the city and the health department — has been a continuing sore point between the two governmental bodies. The news story narrowly edged out the November general election for the top spot.

Here are the top selections of the 27 newsmen polled by The Times:

1. Shared services.
2. The November general election.
3. The continuing crisis over the proposed teaching hospital. The Lubbock County Hospital District and the Texas Tech Board of Regents are searching for ways to pay for the hospital, which some state officials — notably State Sen. Kent Hance — call the "biggest problem to face Lubbock" in its history.
4. The murder of Elizabeth Price. The body of the attendant at the old Lubbock air terminal was found stabbed after being dragged to the parking lot.
5. The heated race between U.S. Rep. George Mahon and Republican challenger Jim Reese. In the closest race of his career, the veteran congressman and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee narrowly defeated the former television newsman from Odessa.
6. The county commissioners' refusal to fund autopsies.
7. Southwest Airlines' application to serve Lubbock. The intrastate airline was granted approval to fly into and out of Lubbock at rates substantially lower than the interstates. Service is scheduled to begin in the spring.
8. Attorney Gene Gaines' suit to alter the method of city council selection. The black leader, later elected president of the local

NAACP, wants the council selected by districts to assure greater minority representation.

9. The police evaluation. A report by an outside consultant recommended ways to upgrade the city's police force. Portions of the plan will go into effect in early 1977.

10. The selection of Dr. Cecil Mackey as president of Texas Tech University. Mackey replaced Dr. Grover Murray who resigned to return to teaching.

Other news stories which rated

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## Autopsies Affect Rites, Insurance

Law enforcement officers and justices of the peace aren't the only ones affected by the county commissioner's refusal to fund autopsies. There's a slight chance a county-paid autopsy could come in handy to you if you die from small pox or your life insurance policy carries a double indemnity clause.

A double indemnity clause in an insurance contract usually provides double benefits if you die from accidental causes.

E.S. Ulrich, the manager of the life benefit department for Republic National Life Insurance in Dallas, said that autopsies figure "considerably" in his work.

"Right now we have a case going in California involving a new porter for a steamship line," Ulrich explained. "He was carrying something up a gangplank, then collapsed and fell off the gangplank."

"Our contention that it was caused by a heart attack was borne out by the autopsy."

Ulrich said that insurance contracts include the right to request an autopsy or exhume the

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**BUMPS AND GRINDS**—Motorists on Avenue Q had to dodge patches of road surfacing removed by city crews to raise valves for sewer and water lines. The bumpy ride was the result of a highway department experiment to determine the best way for leveling the street around the valve hatches. City crews were expected to fill in the patches of removed surface by Thursday. (Times Photo)

## Ave. Q Holes Were There For a Reason

Driving along Avenue Q may have been a bit bumpier than you might have expected after the street was widened and repaved. The reason: a Department of Highways and Public Transportation experiment.

There are sewer and water lines running underneath Avenue Q. When the highway department decided to pave and widen the street, city crews had to lower the valves that control those lines. That's standard procedure to avoid plowing up the valves during road construction.

The catch is that at some point in the process, the valves and the hatches to the valves have to be raised again to street level so that city water employees can get back in to turn off the water when needed. That's standard procedure, too.

What wasn't standard about the Avenue Q project was that the hatches to the valves weren't raised before the highway department paved over them.

That meant that city crews had to dig out the surfacing that was already laid, bring the valves up to the correct height and then reblacktop the patches around the valves. City crews were expected to complete that project by Thursday.

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## Court Honors Retiring Members

by Mary Alice Robbins

An era came to an end Thursday when Lubbock County Commissioners Arch Lamb and Les Derrick took their seats around the commissioners court table for the last time.

The "Lamb" who frequently roared in behalf of county taxpayers ended 22 years of service as a county official—the longest term any individual has served as commissioner here.

Derrick—usually the least vocal commissioner, but a staunch conservative about money matters—served 20 years on the court.

According to Derrick, the highlight of his and Lamb's tenures came in 1974, when the county first worked its way out of bonded indebtedness. When Lamb took office, the county faced a debt of \$2,194,000. Two years later when Derrick took office, the county was in debt to the tune of some \$2.8 million.

Although still plagued with financial worries because expenses tend to exceed revenues, the county remains debt free.

But there are major problems still facing the court, Derrick noted. Topping the list, he said, is the hospital district, which has yet to open the Health Sciences Hospital here. That facility is scheduled to open in February, 1978, but the question of how to finance its operation still remains up in the air.

"I don't know the answer to it," Derrick told the West Texas Times.

Hospital district officials have been hopeful that the teaching hospital's financial problems can be relieved somewhat if the Texas Legislature agrees to pick up the tab on educational costs.

However, some state officials have expressed doubt that the funding of teaching costs will be of much benefit to the facility here.

The second major problem commissioners must solve is the dilemma of what to do about the

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## Penny-wise Drinkers Can't Lose with Tips on Booze

If you're planning a New Year's Eve party tonight and haven't bought the liquor, you may find that it will pay to buy in bulk.

Getting to the package store early may also pay, since Lubbock liquor dealers expect their biggest rush of the year tonight.

"New year's eve is one of our busiest days," a manager of one link in a retail chain said. And a spokesman for another store noted that the consumers' tastes change after Christmas.

"Before Christmas it's mostly liquors and wines, but before New Year's we sell more wines and champagnes."

If you're buying champagne, which traditionally fills the glasses raised to toast the new year—you should know many liquor stores offer reduced rates by the case.

One store sells a case of champagne for \$26, roughly \$2.16 a fifth or about 80 cents less than what the wine would cost by the bottle, a salesman said. "Fifteen

people can usually polish off a case," he added.

Another liquor store offers an 18 per cent discount on the purchase of 12 bottles or more.

Champagnes range in price from less than \$2 to more than \$30, although you'll find the local shelves stocked primarily with the popular trade names—Andre, Lejon and Taylor.

One salesman said that local drinkers aren't very interested in the higher priced French imports,

turning to the American products, in the 3-to-5 dollar range. "Ninety per cent of the people are happy with the price, so they don't care about the quality."

Another salesman agreed that most people look for the price. He said that the one prerequisite for a good champagne is fermentation in the bottle, but, he added, "Most are fermented in the bottle, anyway."

A sampling of liquor prices along the U.S. 87 to Tahoka—

	J.C. Roberts	Pinkies	Cross Keys	Cecil's
Andre Champagne	\$2.69	\$2.95	\$2.95	\$2.95
Andre Cold Duck	2.69	2.95	2.95	2.95
Cutty Sark	9.95	9.49	9.49	9.49
J&B Scotch	9.95	9.49	9.49	9.49
Jim Beam Bourbon	5.19	5.79	6.99	5.79
Jack Daniel's Black	8.65	8.99	8.79	8.89
Jose Cuervo Tequila	7.19	7.69	7.29	7.69
Smirnoff's 100-proof	6.69	6.69	5.69	6.69
Beer (six-pack of	1.75	1.95	2.00	1.95
Budweiser, Coors or Schlitz)				

# EDITORIALS

## The Times Poll

The West Texas Times poll of the top news stories of 1976 showed two things.

First, the press isn't quite the monolith that everyone thinks it is. Often, you'll hear that the reporters hunt in packs or that they're lumped together in one big conglomeration called "The Media." "Media," by the way, is a fairly insulting word for members of the press or broadcast newsmen. The word should be applied to "Bewitched" or "Adam-12" reruns not legitimate newsmen.

Of the thirty-plus issues the newsmen were polled on, not one was picked by every reporter for his or her list of the top ten. Only three news stories didn't receive any selection at all. And those that were selected generally were placed within a wide range, from very low to very high.

Part of this may be the result of the way the questionnaire was worded. The Times asked for the "most significant" stories to the newsmen's readers/listeners/viewers. Ideally, this should mean newsworthiness, but "significance" lent itself to varying interpretations.

But most of the diversity comes from the newsmen themselves. They have varying ideas of what is news and how important it is, and that's healthy. It would be awfully boring if the newspaper and the radio stations and the television stations concentrated on the same stories every day.

Second, the poll shows that Lubbock, although not one of the great news cities of the world, is far from boring. There were 34 major stories included in the questionnaire, and several newsmen added stories which weren't included, but were good stories nonetheless. In fact, looking at the list of complex issues and thinking about the coming year, it might be enough to make more than one newsmen gape in awe at the task of covering those issues and more in 1977.

Hopefully, the Times poll will be a yearly feature with the continued cooperation from local newsmen. To the newsmen, for their cooperation this year, our thanks. To our readers, for the coming year, our wishes that there'll be a lot of good news in 1977.

## Bicentennial Plus One

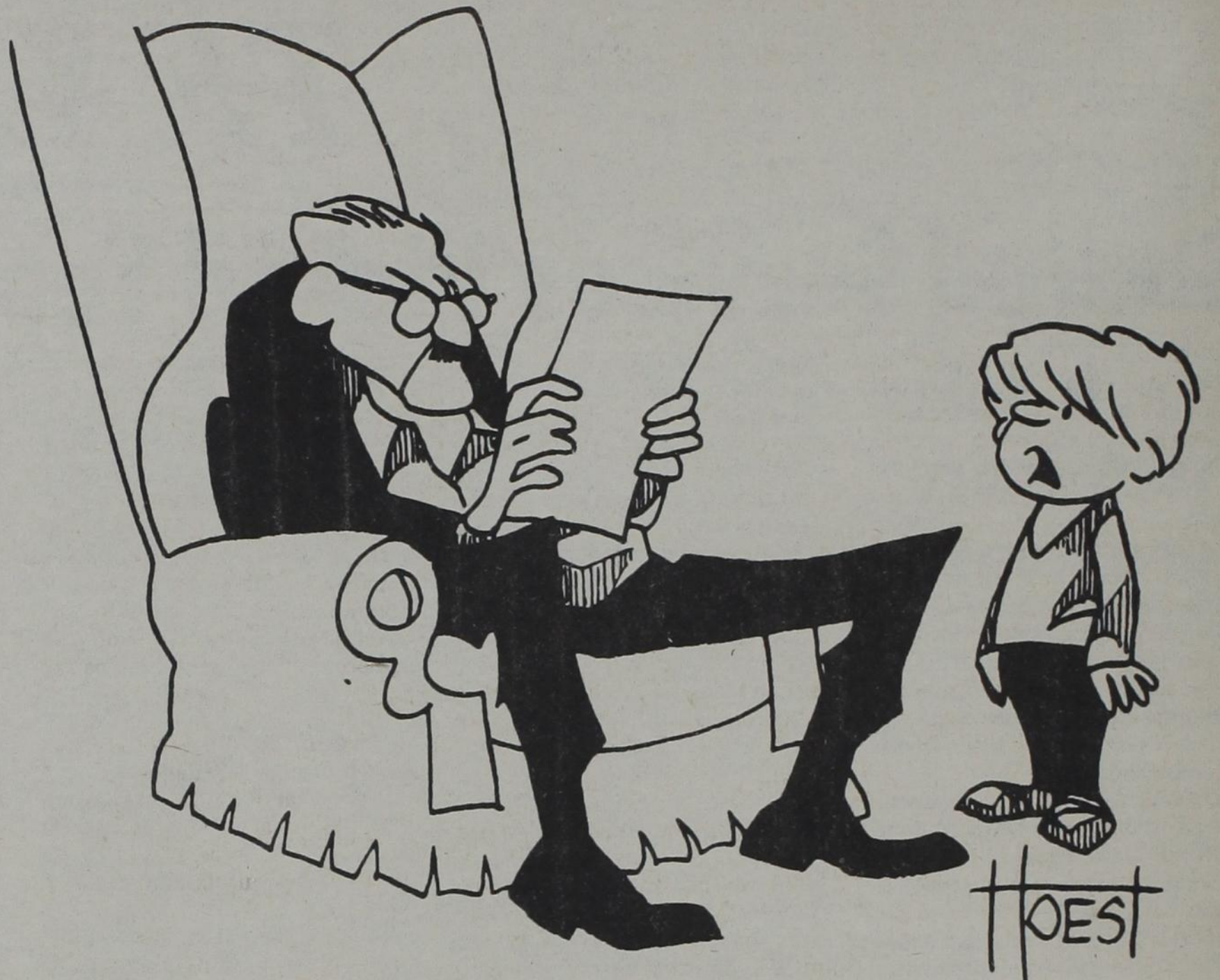
The nation's 200th year is in its eleventh hour, and before the "Bicentennial Minute" loses another sponsor and the year passes into history, it might be worth a moment in passing to reflect.

Once you cut through the hype and the inevitable profiteering, the Fourth of July was enough to stir the most jaded of hearts. Whether you watched the longhorns on Broadway in Lubbock or the Tall Ships on television from New York, it was a special time, worthy of tales to be remembered for grandchildren.

Somewhere after the Fourth, we had to let loose the image of Uncle Sam and turn to pumpkins, turkeys and Santa Claus, but if there is hope—and there must be, or else why are we doing all of what we're doing—let there be a hope that the togetherness we felt on the Fourth will linger into Bicentennial-plus-one.

We were apart so long that if we hadn't had a bicentennial celebration, we surely would have had to invent one. Our wounds—the wars, the hatred, the scandals—were deep. The celebration of 200 years as a people was worth all the gimmickry, all the hawking, if it helped stop the bleeding.

"History is harder now than when you were in school. There's more of it."



**JACK ANDERSON'S  
WEEKLY  
SPECIAL**

### Carter Plans Tax Cut, More Jobs

by Jack Anderson  
with Joe Spear

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WASHINGTON—President-elect Jimmy Carter keeps his decisions to himself until he is ready to announce them. But he has tipped his hand, at least, on his economic policies. His final economic decisions, of course, will determine whether Americans will prosper or flounder in the years ahead.

Carter has emphasized to his associates that he doesn't intend to be reckless with the taxpayer's money. He

believes a stable economic base is essential before human problems can be solved. He has indicated, therefore, that he won't rush into some new social program without carefully calculating its eventual cost.

But the president-elect has told associates that jobs must be found for the unemployed. He is particularly concerned about the nation's youth. Nearly 40 per cent of young blacks, for example, are out of work. Carter believes they must first be trained, so they can hold down good jobs.

This will take a new federal program, probably a youth corps. Carter has talked to his advisers about possibly establishing work camps, where young people can be taught job skills. But he has stressed in his private conversations that the skills will be useless unless jobs are available. He would like to see private employers provide the new jobs. This will require economic growth.

Carter has reminded associates that the economy was sluggish when John F. Kennedy moved into the White House. Kennedy used tax cuts to stimulate the economy. But he also created a confident, optimistic, new mood.

Carter has indicated that he may try the same tactics. American factories are now producing only about 80 per cent of their capacity. And few corporations are building new plants or remodeling their old ones.

The consumers are also hoarding their money in savings accounts. Carter thinks a tax cut may encourage the consumers to start spending and the corporations to start investing. A pick-up in retail trade and capital investment, he believes, could start an economic boom.

So those who have been consulting with Carter believe he will seek a jobs program and a tax cut next year.

**Top Dollars:** The Pentagon has just released the list of its top 100 contractors. They are the winners of the great corporate scramble for defense dollars. During the last fiscal year, they raked in over \$40 billion from the taxpayers.

We have checked over the list and compared the top 10 contractors against the corporate connivers in our files. At least six of the 10 have been involved in influence-peddling scandals.

The six are Boeing, General Dynamics, Grumman, Lockheed, Northrop and Rockwell International. Our files show that the public often got far less than it paid for from these corporations. A couple of examples:

The No. 1 contractor, McDonnell Douglas, was caught by government inspectors passing off "poor quality" equipment to the Air Force. The words, "poor quality," come from the official classified report.

The No. 10 contractor, Rockwell International, produced the Condor air-to-surface missile. Secret studies show the Condor has "poor reliability." The inspectors called it a "fair weather weapon."

Most of the 10 top contractors have also let the costs run higher than the estimates. For example, contractor No. 4, General Electric, helped run up more than \$232 million in cost overruns for the F101 fighter plane.

In the executive suites of the top defense contractors are usually three or four retired admirals and generals. Five of the top 10 are heavily staffed with retired military brass. They are on a first-name basis, of course, with the Pentagon people who sign the contracts. And that is what they call business as usual at the Pentagon.

**Private Party:** Washington is buzzing with news about South Korean payoffs to congressmen. The Justice Dept. is investigating allegations that 90 congressmen have accepted gifts and favors from the South Koreans. Washington officials, therefore, have been avoiding the South Koreans like the plague.

Yet a few days ago, the South Koreans held a private dinner party at Washington's Sheraton-Carlton Hotel. No press releases were issued. In fact, the party wasn't even listed by the hotel.

We have learned, however, that a glittering array of Pentagon officers showed up. The chief of naval operations, Adm. James Holloway, was the guest of honor. Other top military brass, including Marine Corps Commandant Louis Wilson, slipped into the party.

There was nothing improper about the party. All the embassies hold them. But it shows how the Koreans are striving to maintain good relations with their supporters in the Pentagon.

**Washington Whirl:** The Henry Kissingers were ousted last October from their Georgetown home. The landlady objected to their dog Tyler. The Secret Service, of course, had to remove all the security equipment. Now the equipment may have to be reinstalled, at considerable cost to the taxpayers. It looks as if the new secretary of state, Cyrus Vance, may rent the same house.

—Imelda Marcos, wife of the Filipino dictator, has spent the past month Christmas shopping in New York City. She used to be an airline hostess before she married Ferdinand Marcos. Now she's able to commandeer one of the Philippine Airline's jetliners as her personal plane for the trip to New York. She kept it tied up for a full month that she spent shopping. It was loaded down with Christmas loot when it took off last weekend for San Francisco, Honolulu and Manila.

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# A Healthy Outlook on Spas

## Local Fitness Clubs Offer Weight, Muscle Changes

by Janice Jarvis

With Christmas behind them, and a few inches in front of them, many people are realizing that the time for the yearly weight-reducing ritual is here.

Making the resolution is always easy, but keeping it is usually another story. Every year women and men flock to health spas, figure salons and body building clubs, hoping the pounds will melt away. But you have to want to lose weight and you have to work at it, explained several local physical fitness club managers.

Depending on what kind of exercise you want, and what kind of atmosphere you want to work in, there is a resort for you.

Some offer gymnastic equipment, some have equipment that does the work for you, and others have whirlpools and spas to make losing weight as fun as possible.

"Health spas work because people get better results if they have a partner to work with," explained Kathy Warner, manager of the Grecian Health Spa.

At Elaine Powers Figure Salon, exercising with people is half the fun, explained manager Kay Cross. In addition to providing members with individualized attention, group exercise sessions are held every thirty minutes.

Parties, often with sweets are also a part of the program. "We have to teach a woman that eating is not forbidden, as long as they eat sensibly."

Getting in shape is a resolution everyone would be wise to make,

whether it be to tone muscles, or lose or gain weight. Nautilus, a club open to both men and women, has a room filled with exercising equipment. "The specially designed equipment isolates and improves a specific muscle," said Chip Phillips, manager.

An added feature of the machinery is they give a complete cardiovascular workout, Phillips explained. Even if your goal isn't to lose weight, a 30-minute workout will tone muscles and you don't get sore.

Despite its reputation as a body building club, Nautilus is for everyone, Phillips said. "Most women can't build muscles no matter how hard they try so there's no danger in getting over-developed."

While most people that work out at Nautilus are there to get in shape only, other resorts offer added features to make losing weight a luxury.

Grecian Health Spa offers an indoor swimming pool, sun deck, dry and steam saunas, a cold plunge and a masseuse.

Diets and an exercise plan are designed for each individual. There are no candy machines to tempt any dieters and healthy foods are advised. "Little things like drinking coffee and chewing gum are detrimental to low carbohydrate diets," Warner said.

Vitamins, fasting, and eating raw foods, are also advised by Ms. Warner. If a woman is overweight it's best to change her eating

patterns gradually rather than putting her on a diet she'll quit next week, she said. "Instead of drinking coffee, drink a small glass of juice, or instead of eating white bread eat stone ground bread," she explained.

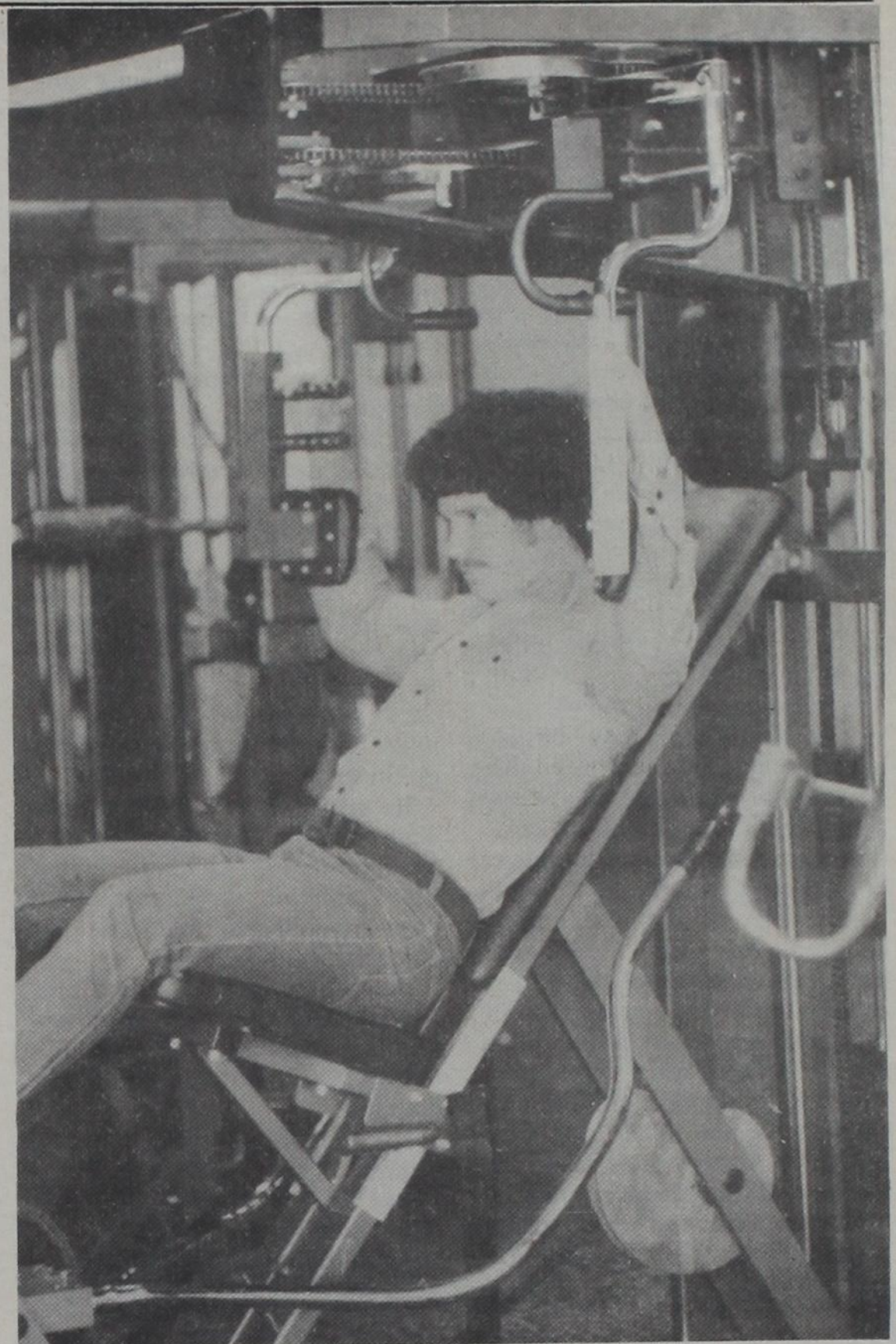
Although all instructors interviewed said they had no formal training before working at the clubs, they said they learned a lot about dieting and exercising from books and just talking with people.

Cost of health club membership in Lubbock is based on services offered and the program chosen.

At Elaine Powers a 13-week course costs \$59.95, while the 52-week course, costing \$89.95 includes a lifetime membership with a \$9 monthly maintenance fee. The membership is good at Elaine Powers Salons across the country. Specials are also offered and occasionally memberships are given away in contests.

Grecian Health Spa offers a month of club privileges for \$25, while a year membership lowers the cost to about \$22 a month. There is an added cost for a massage if requested by the club member.

Nautilus, a nation-wide chain, costs slightly more than other facilities in town, but specials lower the cost to about \$75 for three months. The price is comparable to the Grecian Health Spa, offers less luxuries, more equipment.



**WEIGHT A MINUTE** — Chip Phillips, manager of the Nautilus fitness club, demonstrates one of the devices used for bodybuilding. The club is more expensive than other local spas, but Phillips stresses that the machinery is worth it. (Times Photo)

# Early-year Court Battle Looms in 'No-Show' Prosecution

by Cliff Avery

The first prosecution under the city's new "no-show" ordinance — prohibiting display of magazine covers which depict sexual acts or nudity "in a manner calculated to arouse sexual lust or passion" — probably won't begin before late January.

Tom Beard, owner of Reader's World and Century Bookstore in the South Plains Mall, is charged with violating the ordinance. Beard's attorney, John McFall, said, "About the middle of January, I'll go over and talk to the prosecutor to see when and if this thing will have to be tried."

Beard opposed the ordinance when it was hastily considered by the City Council. Mrs. Pat Turner of Wolforth was one of the leading proponents of the

measure which was tailored after a similar ordinance in Dallas.

Mrs. Turner filed the complaint which led to Beard's arrest.

McFall said he has not been informed which magazines sparked the complaint, although he believes that the offending issues were the December Penthouse and Oui, a sister publication of Playboy.

The Penthouse cover shows a woman, wearing a t-shirt and shorts, reclining. Her arm rests on her thighs, and her hand falls between her legs.

The Oui cover shows a woman on skis wearing only a parka, her breasts and buttocks exposed.

McFall notes that both the U.S. Supreme Court and the Texas Supreme Court have held that nudity as such is not obscene and thus falls within the protection of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

West Texas Times research of the law as the ordinance was being considered showed that the ordinance may face rough going before it passes constitutional muster.

The Supreme Court has grappled with the question of obscenity for two decades, without any satisfactory resolution of the problem. One justice said that he was not sure exactly how to define obscenity, but he

knew it when he saw it.

McFall said that his client had been sensitive to the problem of risque magazine covers and from time to time, has ordered magazines removed from outlets if customers complained. Beard could have complied with the ordinance as originally drafted, the attorney said, by putting magazines with suggestive covers in specially-designed newsracks that displayed only the magazine's name.

But the council changed the definition of display and required that the offending covers not be visible even if pulled from the newsrack. That, in effect, told retailers to either wrap every issue or close the store to minors, or stop selling the magazines entirely, McFall suggested.

"What they (proponents of the ordinance) want is a complete ban. They're using the ordinance to accomplish something the law may not allow them to do," he said.

McFall said that until the prosecution is resolved, Beard has taken many of the more notorious magazines off the stand. But he said, the defendant will fight the ordinance.

"The ordinance makes us subject to 200,000 censors. We don't know what is in compliance

and what isn't."

At the trial stage in municipal court, McFall is expected to question whether the magazine covers indeed "aroused or exploited sexual lust or passion." The validity of the ordinance will not become an issue until the case

goes into the appellate stages.

James Moore, the prosecutor for the city, was tight-lipped about his plans to pursue the case, saying only that Beard was charged with violating the law, and he would prosecute accordingly.

## Animal Shelter To Change Hours

The City Animal Shelter will be open later beginning next week to allow pet owners and prospective pet owners more opportunity to find their animals.

City Public Information Officer Vaughn Hendrie said that the new hours would be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Previous hours were 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hendrie said that the change would allow pet owners who want to find their animal or people who want to adopt an animal time to get to the shelter after leaving work.

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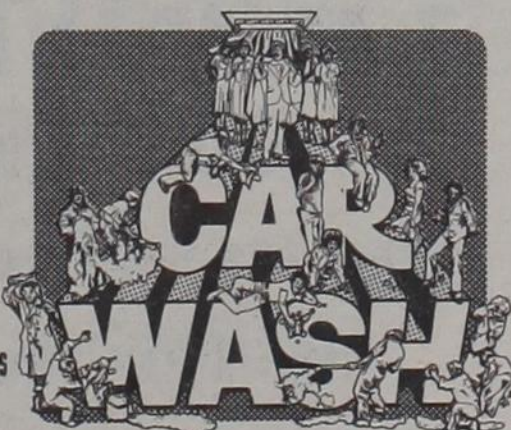
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## Autopsies . . .

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body of the insured. However, he said his company normally relies on an autopsy performed by government authorities—such as, in larger cities, a medical examiner.

David Hodges, a Lubbock insurance man, said that the question of double indemnity arises often when a heart attack is involved. "If it was a drowning, we ask, 'Was it really an accident or did he have a heart attack?'"

He said that insurance companies generally rely on the death certificate, usually signed by the attending physician, but he stressed that he has never been involved in a situation which required an autopsy.

It should be noted that just because the county commissioners allowed their contract with Physician's Pathology Service to lapse Dec. 10, that doesn't mean that there are no more autopsies in Lubbock County.

The Physicians' Pathology Service was the firm that performed autopsies for the county until the commissioners' court refused to go along with a \$75 per autopsy price increase.

Dr. R.A. Keffler of PPS said that his firm still performs autopsies, though most often the doctor will request an autopsy to confirm a diagnosis or for other medical reasons. Keffler said that

if an autopsy is requested through a clinic or hospital, there is usually no cost to the family since the purpose of the autopsy is scientific.

He added that industrial firms, concerned about workmen's compensation claims, may request an autopsy, or the family of the dead person may request an autopsy for insurance reasons.

Keffler said that part of the reason PPS declined to continue autopsy service for the county was the money, but added that PPS was also concerned about the manner in which autopsies were conducted.

"Lubbock's not a cowtown any longer, and we felt that it was time to look at our responsibilities and develop a thorough system as possible." He said that the cutoff of autopsies was a "growing pain" many cities Lubbock's size go through.

He said that local officials have done a "hell of a good job". But he analogized to teaching, saying that Lubbock government had good high school teachers, but needed college teachers.

One reason for an autopsy that you'll probably never have occasion to use is to determine if a person has died from a contagious disease.

Joe Freeman with Sanders Funeral Home said that under Texas law, if a death occurred from unknown causes, and an autopsy determined that it was

the result of a contagious disease, embalming and a quick burial are required. Public health authorities may even order a closed-casket ceremony.

Or the public health officials may even order that there be no funeral service with the body present.

However, Dr. David Cowgill, chief medical officer for the City-County Health Department, said no such situation had arisen in Lubbock in his 15 years with the health department.

Cliff Avery

## Lunch Bunch Sets Red Cross Talk

Two representatives of the American Red Cross will speak at the City-County Library's Lunch Bunch program at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Joe Herber and Ramona Gillock will show a film depicting Red Cross activities with servicemen.

Lunch Bunch meets each Tuesday in the Mahon Community Room of the Lubbock City-County Library and is open to the public.

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first-place votes from the newsmen were the lawsuit over the Lubbock County Jail, the litigation over the Homer Maxey financial empire and the city ordinance banning nudity from magazine covers displayed to minors.

Organizations and participants in the Times poll were: WEST TEXAS TIMES: Norman Williamson, T.J. Patterson and Cliff Avery; KCBD-TV: Abner Euresti; KEND Radio: Bill Bandy and David Walker; KFYO Radio: Max Mott, Billy Reynolds and John Cone; KLBK-TV (Channel 13): Joe Robbins, Mary Alice Robbins and Gail Robertson; KLLL Radio: Jim Bandy; KMCC-TV (Channel 28) Rusty Jones, BJ Hefner, Jeff Klotzman, Richard Griffing and Brenda Morris and KSEL Radio: Skip Watson, Keith Williams, Jim Littleton and Don McBeath. Five reporters chose to remain anonymous.

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## SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

Texas Tech lays its hopes for final high national ranking and recognition squarely on the line tonight against Nebraska in Houston.

The success or failure of a season shouldn't rest on one game and, in West Texas, it doesn't. Tech beat everyone it played except Houston, became conference co-champions and, in Texas, gained the respect of everyone.

Nationally, for some reason or other, there apparently are a lot of skeptics. There are people who say that Tech isn't for real, despite its record, and that the Cornhuskers, wise in the ways of bowl and really "topflight" competition, will show up the Raiders.

I beg to disagree. I think that the Raiders are going to win, because they are for real. Oh, man for man they don't have the physical size of the brutes, but then, neither did David when he faced Goliath.

Oklahoma, a Big 8 co-champion, couldn't beat Texas, and the Longhorns didn't play as well against the Sooners as they did against Tech—and the Raiders won that one.

It's true that Nebraska has size, experience and ability, but I'll take the man Steve Sloan called "Houdini," Rodney Allison, to be the final difference. Along the line the quick, swarming defense and the aggressive offense will make victory possible.

The Cotton Bowl, as of last weekend, wasn't a sellout. The Orange Bowl, at the same time, also had empty seats. And yet both bowls offered fine games.

Colorado vs. Ohio State is an intersectional game that should draw a lot of attention. So is the Maryland-Houston game. Maybe Texans haven't accepted the Cougars as a SWC power, or a national contender. Those people had best change their thinking.

Houston and Tech may not be SWC "powers" on the basis of one season, but they'd better be respected. This was Houston's first campaign; it was Tech's first under a man like Sloan. And you'd better believe that both will be back.

Fred Akers and Lou Holtz, at Texas and Arkansas respectively, may turn things around. It won't take much, just a good quarterback. But with all due respect to both, it would appear that the day of Arkansas-Texas domination was over.

Both Tech and Houston have the potential for strong teams next season. For that matter, so does Baylor, and SMU could be only a step away from being a serious contender.

The old order changeth, helped along by the 30-recruit limit. That rule may have had an effect this year, it definitely will alter the picture next year. It's going to make more topgrade players available to more teams.

I'm probably prejudiced—so go ahead and toss stones—but I think that the Cotton Bowl has one of the day's best attractions. You have an undefeated team playing one that lost only a couple of contests and came on strong.

Neither team has many household names on its roster, which doesn't detract from the caliber of player. Both are topnotch teams and it could well be the day's best game.

The Pitt-Georgia game also will be tops. The Panthers bring the Heisman Trophy winner and a strong supporting crew into the Sugar Bowl, which should be licking its chops.

It's a great attraction and should produce a lot of fireworks. Call me crazy—okay, Kelly, you're crazy—but I like the Bulldogs in an upset. Johnny Majors has done a great job, but Georgia has a way of rising to the occasion.

The final game of the day also could be a titanic struggle, with Michigan and Southern Cal clashing. The game has lost some of its glitter in comparison, but the daddy of them all seems to come up with excitement each time.

Then, of course, there's the Sun Bowl on Sunday to round out the action-packed weekend. And again, being prejudiced, I have to go with Texas A&M.

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Then, in case you'd forgotten, the basketball season is with us. Indeed, Arkansas invades Municipal Coliseum Tuesday night, almost unannounced, unobserved and unseen.

But that won't last long. The Razorbacks have what appears to be an awesome team in the making. They went through their first eight games without a loss, gained national ranking. They never have beaten Tech in Lubbock, but this could be a first.

Gerald Myers and crew are doing a good job with the present Raiders. They lost a solar plexus blow when Rick Bullock graduated, but Mike Russell is coming along well and the rest of the team is maturing.

Two tournaments have helped Tech, along with tough competition. On the other hand, the Hogs haven't done badly with such as Kansas and Kansas State. It promises to be one of the best conference openers in Tech history. Be there!

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**Avenue Q Holes . . .**

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Joe Patton, a senior engineer with the highway department and assistant to project head Jack Moore, told The Times that the department tried the experiment because of unhappiness with the method used to raise the valves

**Commissioners Honored . . .**

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county jail, Derrick said. He expressed hope that the county will be able to renovate the existing facility rather than having to build a new one.

Commissioners have set aside about \$600,000 in federal revenue sharing funds to be used for renovating the jail. But if new state standards force the county to build a new jail, that sum will be far from adequate.

Derrick also listed the county's lack of an autopsy service as a critical situation commissioners must resolve. The Physicians Pathology Service stopped performing autopsies for Lubbock County Dec. 10 after commissioners balked at increasing the autopsy fee by \$75.

According to Derrick, he was never against paying the doctors' group the \$250 fee, but he doesn't believe the money was the real problem. Derrick said he's hopeful that some arrangement can be made for the county to have an autopsy service.

Another major problem the county faces, Derrick said, is providing rural fire protection. The city and county ended their fire contract Oct. 1 after commissioners refused to up the fire call fee to \$1,275 per run. Under last year's contract, commissioners paid the city \$400 per call.

Derrick termed the city's demand for \$1,275 a call "out of reason." He said the rural fire protection situation can be remedied somewhat by beefing up the volunteer fire departments in outlying communities. These small town fire departments probably can handle fires in their communities, he said, so the real problem area will be protecting residents living right outside Lubbock's city limits.

Both Lamb and Derrick were honored Thursday at commissioners court. Their fellow commissioners passed resolutions commending both men for their long-time service to the county.

Although Lamb declined interviews with reporters, he did praise the work of members of the commissioners court and other county officials. "Anything we've been able to accomplish in fiscal responsibility has come because of team effort," he commented.

when 4th Street was widened earlier this year.

Patton explained that city crews on the 4th Street project had raised the valves before the inch-thick layer of blacktop was applied to the surface—and before the project was opened to the public.

When the blacktop was applied, the surface of 4th Street wasn't exactly equal to the height of the valve lids, causing a bumpy ride.

"When we did it on 4th Street, it didn't come out very good," Patton said, "And rather than making the same mistake twice, we decided to try something different on Avenue Q."

Ken Hancock with Kerr Construction Co., the firm that handled the Avenue Q project, confirmed the experiment. "It's up to the highway department when to put on the grade. It was an opportunity to compare the two systems."

Patton said that it's too early to tell if the system used on Avenue Q is any better or worse, but did note that the city is raising the valves before paving on Avenue A.

"We try to come out with the best-riding surface we can, but it's awfully hard to get the valve lid up to street level. We get out there with a level and it still doesn't seem to come out right," Patton said.

The highway engineer added that the inconvenience of patches missing from a newly paved street is "just one of those things we have to live with."

Randall Lane, the city's superintendent of sewer operations, agreed, "Digging them back up is pretty inconvenient, but it's the only way to get good streets."

Percy Boren with the city engineering staff said that the city's cost of repaving around the exposed lids is "real minor." He said there were no figures to indicate how much more the city spent to raise valves on the Avenue Q project than on the 4th Street project but said, "it was not a whole lot."

Boren said that asphalt costs about \$3 a square yard and that the city was required to patch areas about one-quarter of a square yard and one-and-a-half inches deep, indicating the costs were minimal.

The Avenue Q project, which cost the highway department more than \$826 thousand, was turned over to the department by the contractor on Dec. 3, leaving the dug-out patches and the exposed valve hatches open to motorists during Christmas shopping rush. *Cliff Avery*

**'Three Musketeers'**

**LTC Director Foils Jitters**

For the past couple of weeks, Celeste Ward has been trying to get high school kids to learn their lines to show up for rehearsals, and to stop dueling with the swords in the foyer while actors are trying to say their lines.

The kicker to all this is that she VOLUNTEERED. She's not getting paid. She's doing it for "fun."

The play — Lubbock Theatre Centre's production of "The Three Musketeers" starring an all-high school cast — runs Jan. 7 and 8 at the theater, 2508 Ave. P. The 8:15 p.m. opening night performance may be the second time, counting dress rehearsal, that Ward has seen the cast together at one time.

"I can put up with the noise if I can get them here first," she says, after noting that there are three problems with directing high school actors during the break between semesters: getting them to rehearsals, keeping them quiet and, figuratively, keeping from killing them.

Still, to understand how anyone could volunteer for such a job, you really have to understand Ward.

She's got a year of law school under her belt, and took some time off to work on her master's in history. She plans to return to law school next fall.

Through the rigors of law training, she maintained an unhurried attitude about the whole thing, a serenity borne of the knowledge that she wasn't about to take any stuff off anybody. In the neurosis that is law school, that is as rare . . . well, as rare as somebody volunteering to direct a high school production of "The Three Musketeers."

Ward says she saw a notice on a Texas Tech bulletin board that the Theatre Centre wanted to hire somebody. When she went to apply, she says, "I made the mistake of saying that I saw the notice."

Turns out there were two notices on Tech bulletin boards—one for a paying position and one for a volunteer post. "Naturally, they told me about the volunteer job," she laughed.

Well, in the meantime, another job on campus turned up, but Ward figured, what the heck, and came back to apply for the volunteer job.

She talked to one of the LTC board members, whose idea of a high school production pretty much coincided with Wards.

But the Board wasn't too sure it wanted to spend the money for the production, so Ward attended a meeting. She convinced the directors to spend \$200 on the play.

"The idea was to appeal to underprivileged kids. The board figured if they'd support the theater now, they'd support it later."

Ward choreographed and directed plays in high school. She has a ballet and modern jazz dancing background. After selecting a cast from Estacado, Monterey, Lubbock and Coronado High Schools, along with several junior high schools, the rehearsals got underway.

Texas Tech's drama department loaned her 11 fencing foils—11 because that's the most number of actors that are on stage fencing at any one time. But the department warned her if any of the foils are broken, somebody would pay.

One wrinkle Ward has introduced into the classic drama of the king's musketeers is casting women in two parts usually reserved for men. Liz Fisher will play Aramis, the would-be priest musketeer and Carrie Chandler will play the king



*Celeste Ward*  
(Louis was the name, but the number escapes me).

Other cast members are Chris Horn, Reg Howell, Kevin Kreneck, Tom Ford, Doug Rosson, Tommy Jeffrey, Sidney Perry, Mark Fransen, Mark Solomon, Bart Burgess, George Vail, Mark Millican, Terry Parrish, Tracy Seliger, Ann Alford, Shirin Salzer, Karol Kreneck, Katie Cook, Kay Ewing, Virginia James and George Vail.

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# Tech to Hold Gathering For Returning Students

## Special to the Times

A seminar for adults interested in part-time study will be conducted from 7:20 to 9 p.m., Monday by the Division of Continuing Education at Texas Tech University.

This is the last of two such seminars offered before the start of the spring semester at Texas Tech. It will take place in the Continuing Education Building, X-15, south of the Municipal Auditorium parking lot.

Discussions will include admissions procedures—on both the undergraduate and graduate level—and records-keeping. Students will learn about procedures for aptitude-testing and other services offered by the University

Counseling Center.

Dr. Paul J. Woods will discuss a professor's view of part-time students, and a student, Dale Kirby, will present his view of part-time study.

Dean C. Thomas Reese of the Division of Continuing Education is Coordinator for the seminar. He said that there will be time for a question-and-answer period and for individual assistance for anyone who wants to register for study.

Appointments for additional counseling may be made for students who need it, he said.

For additional information on the seminar call 742-3797, or the registrar's office, 742-3651.

# Kin Searching

by Marleta Childs

If you are searching for ancestors in North Carolina, you may find helpful information in "North Carolina Revolutionary Soldiers, Sailors, Patriots and Descendants," vols. I and II, by Joseph T. Maddox and Mary Carter. Each volume is hard-bound and has 220 pages. Vol. I contains names from A through W; Vol. II includes names from A through Y.

The names of the men who served in the Revolution are arranged alphabetically. Information included on each individual is his type of service, rank, date of birth and death (sometimes approximate), and the name of his wife (maiden name often unknown). In some cases the names of the serviceman's children and their spouses are also given. Additional information on some (such as Thomas CAMP, Sr., Isaac HILLIARD, Jesse LANE, and Benjamin THOMPSON) is quite detailed, listing their relatives and grandchildren (and sometimes their spouses);

place of birth, residence, and death; and abstracts of wills. An index to persons mentioned in this material would have been useful to those still seeking connection to their revolutionary ancestor since many descendants have established membership in the DAR and SAR.

Only a limited number of these books are available, so send in your order soon. Each volume can be purchased for \$20 from Mary Carter, P.O. Box 1028, Albany, Ga., 31702. Carter has also published a number of works on Georgia. Free folders on these are furnished upon request.

Mr. Carl Wipprecht, Route 1, Rusk, Texas, 75785 asks who are the ancestors of these three men: John STEVENS, who bought land in Lawrence Co., Miss. on August 6, 1816; Isaac STEVENS; and William STEVENS? All three lived on, and adjacent to, the land purchased by John STEVENS. On Sept. 1, 1829, John STEVENS made a gratis deed of the land to Isaac STEVENS, and the 1830 tax roll carries the land as John Stevens Estate.

We know that William STEVENS and his wife, Mary, were from Union District, S.C. She died in Lawrence Co., Miss., in 1838. William moved to Texas getting a headright of land in DeWitt Co., Texas, and died there in 1844. What was the

relationship of the three?

We believe that there was some relationship between these three men and the David and Elisha STEPHENS (STEVENS) that show in the publication, Josiah Stephens and other Heterogeneous Groups by Bryant, Elisha, David, Joshua, and Benjamin STEPHENS were located in Greenville and Pendleton Districts, S.C. in 1790. Any help would be appreciated.

The July 14, 1795, issue of "Stewarts Kentucky Herald", a newspaper in Lexington, Ky., printed this list of unclaimed letters submitted by postmaster W.E. STRONG of Danville (sic), Ky., on July 5, 1795: BUFORD, Ab. Col., Bairdstown; BURFORD, Daniel, Mercer Co.; CUNNINGHAM, Hugh, Washington Co., forwarded; CRISLER-TON (?), John, Lincoln Co.; GALLOWAY, Robt., Washington Co.; GREENUP, Christopher, Danville; JENNINGS, Ozio, Madison Co.; KENNEY, John, soldier, Capt. Cook's company, 4th sub legion; LEWIS, Thomas, Captain, A.G.W. Western Army; McILVAIN, Moses, near McBride's mill; McCONNEL, Robert, merchant, Washington; SLAUGHTER, Robert, Shawance Run, Mercer Co.; SALTS-WAVER (?), Casper, soldier, 3rd sub-legion capt. (sic) Howley's company; TARDIVEAU, Peter, Danville; THOMPSON, David, care of John HART, Danville.

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## Porter-Hammit

Pamela Kay Porter and John David Hammit will be married at 3 p.m. Friday in St. Luke's Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Porter of Lubbock. The groom is the son of William C. Hammit Jr. of Midland and Mrs. Charles Keller of Midland.

The bride is a graduate of Monterey High School and attended McMurry College and Texas Tech University. The groom holds a business management degree from Texas Tech. After a honeymoon trip to Southern California, the couple will live in Midland.

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# Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Bigger is not necessarily better. Somebody wise remarked that one time or another, but, in truth, it could have come from his lips right after he emerged from a screening of Dino De Laurentiis' new and massive production of that saga of the giant gorilla from Skull Island, "King Kong," now making plenty of shekels at the box offices across the country such as the Fox Theaters complex out on 19th St.

The current advertisements carry a misleading statement, that this 1976 version is an "entirely original" version of "King Kong." Pish and tush! Even today's schoolboys must have been told along the way about the real "original" the 1933 classic with Fay Wray and Bruce Cabot, with hapless Fay caught in the toils of Kong's clutches atop the then tallest building, the Empire State in New York City. In fact, they might have even seen it, for it was shown on cable TV only four days before this present version made its Christmastime bow nationally.

That first Kong was a unique venture and even today remains a fascinating, if slightly corny, telling of the giant ape that was captured and brought to New York City for exploitation, rebelled and wreaked havoc throughout the city until his furious entrapment atop the Empire State and his battle with the airplanes of that vintage.

It represented a fascinating venture into special effects and photography, utilizing a small scale model for the huge monster. It was and has been down through the years a pioneer-setter for this kind of film and rightly so.

Now comes Dino De Laurentiis 43 years later with his interpretation. Well, he believes that saying that "bigger IS better." So, everything in this film is proportionately but not necessarily fortuitously handled. King Kong is played alternately by a man in a monkey suit and by Laurentiis' creation of mechanical marvels, director John Guillermin assisting with yet another invaluable assist by master special effects man Dale Hennessy. The new Kong mechanically can smile, frown, and do other things, but he isn't a patch on his restricted ancestor. He IS big, no doubt about that. But, considering that the film's climax takes place this time not at the top of the Empire State Building, which the new Kong would dwarf in comparison, but atop the twin-towered World Trade Center in Manhattan, now the tallest edifice, BIG was important.

The story of "King Kong" is a familiar one by now, so a rehash here is not necessary. Besides, despite what critics (or, I prefer in this part of the country reviewers) say, crowds will go on as usual and see for themselves. Heaven knows there has been enough advance ads and publicity generated in advance to whet even a non-moviegoer's appetite.

Kong is a resident of Skull Island, whose natives keep him abay with a massive wall (very good sequence, incidentally). Along come some oil exploiters and they see Kong and decided to transport him for exploitive reasons to New York City and ultimately they do. Along the way we've inexplicably picked up off a raft in the ocean a right pert lady, Jessica Lange, whom Kong fancies and who indulges in all sorts of modern-day banter and argument along the way. The only others in the film mentionable are Charles Grodin as the oil company head, very dull, and Jeff Bridges as the paleontologist, not too bad. It takes King Kong an hour before he makes his anticipated appearance on screen and then at least there is a heightening interest. I can't say much for the first hour, with Grodin expounding none too cleverly and Lange quickly exhausting her limited "acting" talents and becoming merely a pawn in the director's and Kong's hands, literally in the latter case.

There are some vast shots that might interest audiences, Kong's rampage through New York City, mangling subway trains and the like, jungle scenes with Lange acting up against everything in sight, and that climactic scene at the World Trade Center.

The picture is the usual length but somehow seemed long enough to me to have been warranted being divided into six episodes, with each segment preferably released annually, if it had to be at all.

You'll go see it; "King Kong" is the IN picture this year, a la "Jaws" last year or so. But, "Jaws" had a horrifying premise, a new idea, thus novelty. "King Kong" is a venerable old man on whom rejuvenation in 1976 just doesn't work. Go and see it, as you will. You'll understand, I think.

Some Christmas lookback from the personal front. The winner of the cleverest and most original Christmas card received this year is Lubbock author Etta Lynch (she wrote the current "Tender Tyrant: The Legend of Pete Cawthon"). Her card was simply a small piece of ordinary box cardboard, addressed, stamped and on the back this simple ditty: "Money's Scarce; Times are hard. So, here's your 'pore man's' Christmas Card." Cute, huh? And durned inventive and original.

In the gifts was an exquisite ballerina, accurate in detail down to her tiny fingers, in porcelain, brought from Europe by old friend and beloved one, veteran Lubbock ballet master Eugene Bandzevicius and his wife, Eugenia. It is a work to have and admire around the clock with loving affection and respect.

Then, too, a beautiful book that the column will be talking about a little later on. It is the Bobbs-Merrill edition for the New York City Opera Guild of "Bubbles" a "Self-Portrait" by Beverly Sills, the top operatic star, in which Miss Sills, born Belle Miriam Silverman in Brooklyn, nicknamed "Bubbles" by relatives and friends to this day tells her story. It traces from beginnings to today and what makes this superb book such a treasure is the wealth of pictures, personal and professional, black and white and color, superb pictures a good many never seen before. The narration, what little I have had a chance to see, is easy and infectious, witty and touching, quite like the image of the lady on stage, television or in person. Gorgeous book and lady. More on this later.

We bring down the curtain on 1976 with this column. For me the year has been frustrating and lousy; I'm delighted for a fresh start with a virgin 1977 and hope for good things. I hope them for you, too. Happy New Year. And a prosperous one all around, too.



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### Navy Frogman Dives Into Film

If the son of a Lubbock resident makes it big in the movies, it won't be because he was discovered at a Hollywood drugstore — more likely, he'd have to be found at an aquarium. That's because Navy Lt. Comm. Jerry L. Fletcher, a 1965 Texas Tech graduate and the son of Mrs. Velma Fletcher of 5512 13th St., is a frogman whose special talents were required for the filming of "Airport 77" — the sequel to the sequel to the sequel, give or take a sequel, to "Airport."

Hold it, you say? What's a frogman doing in an airport movie? Simple. See, this 747 Jumbojet has been flying across the Bermuda Triangle. You know what that means. Certainly. It's going to crash. But it misses all the islands and goes underwater. So the Navy frogmen have to dive down and rescue everybody. Now, aren't you sorry you asked?

Fletcher, then-executive officer of the Underwater Demolition Team-11, stationed at the Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado, Calif., advised the filmmakers.

"He tried to make their part of it as authentic as possible," Fletcher's mother told the Times after a recent conversation with her son. "He's real thrilled with it."

Mrs. Fletcher said that the film stars Jimmy Stewart and Jack Lemmon. But with motherly pride she added, "He said the frogmen were the heroes."

"I asked if he was going to be in the movie, and he said 'Of course,' but that he tried to let the younger boys get all the close shots."

Fletcher is a veteran of three tours in Vietnam. His mother said, "knowing what he'd been through, I didn't even think to ask if it was dangerous."

But Mrs. Fletcher said this probably wouldn't be the start of a movie career since the Navy was sending Fletcher to graduate school for his master's degree. But then, there's always the Hollywood drugstore. *Cliff Avery*

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# Local Artist Greer Normally Loves His Craft

by Wanda Walser

Perhaps prehistoric man did not set his artists apart, but for the last few centuries at least, artists have been considered a special breed.

According to literature, popular opinion and, often, artists themselves, they could be found on the left bank of the Seine, in assorted city studios or any number of out-of-the-way places, away from normal people and run-of-the-mill life, dramatically able to eke out existences until fame and fortune found them, if it ever did. This picture might have, in many cases, been true.

H.V. Greer is an artist. But, here is no extremist in the usual sense of the world. He is very much an individualist, but his life style would be approved by the most conventional. It is his

exceptional sense of perception and interpretation which sets him apart.

Greer has drawn all his life. He began drawing in book margins when he was five or six years old and has continued since, although for many years, he pursued a supposedly more practical means of making a living: carpentry and cabinetry, both of which, today, reflect his artistry in his home.

Greer, who is an assistant professor of art at Texas Tech, also freelances advertising art and of course, keeps busy with his own personal fine art interpretations. His work is on display in the new Texas Tech Education Building and at W&W Steel Co., where his "The Yarn Spinner," "The Frontiersman," "Jake" and "Apitar, the Indian" reflect typical Greer work, based on

American western history and employing an unusual pen and ink technique.

"I've always been a cowboy at heart," Greer explains. "The western theme just excites me."

Other Greer pieces are on display at The Frame Factory, K-Bob's Steak House, and the Mission Inn restaurant. He is represented in private collections in Kansas, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Kentucky, Louisiana and Missouri.

Although Greer prefers pen and ink because "not much equipment is involved—just pull out your pen," and because it "requires more control, more technique," he is also adept at acrylics and has recently been working in geometric wall graphics. He plans, in the future, to begin work in wood sculpture and pottery.

Of course, an artist is always asked about his philosophy of art, so Greer has outlined his: "Art to me is a vehicle of transportation and communication—a means

whereby the artist can be transferred into other eras and areas, bringing these into the present.

"I believe the nostalgia of the past is just as much a part of the world of art as the exciting present. None of us is keyed to one emotion, therefore, we should never limit our appreciation of art."

"But," Greer added, "I'm not a philosopher. I do art because I love art."

Greer took his B.A. in advertising art from Texas Tech and completed graduate studies at North Texas State University. Prior to beginning his teaching career in 1962, he worked for an advertising agency.

## Women's Club Hosts Luncheon

Sharon Rice, a local entertainer, will be the speaker at the Lubbock Christian Women's Club luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Lubbock Country Club.

Mrs. Rice and her husband, Larry, have recorded two albums and have sung in television commercials. They have performed with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and with the Imperials at the Dallas Convention Center.

A display of precious gems by a local jewelry store will also highlight the program.

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## Men in Service

Marine Private Charles F. Stark, whose wife, Kathy, is the daughter of Mr. Johnny Simmons of 2504 26th St. in Lubbock, has completed recruit training at the San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot. He joined the Marine Corps in July, 1976.

## Business Meeting

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